

Public Notice

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Application No. 200601425 Expires: March 9, 2007

Please address all comments to:

Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch

3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

Attn: Floyd M. Carnes

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US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

AND

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Proposed Dredging for Boat Access at Big Spring Creek Mile 5.3, Right Bank, Tennessee River Mile 358.4, Left Bank, Guntersville Lake, Marshall County, Alabama

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: Sachs Construction Co.

623 Gunter Avenue

Guntersville, Alabama 35976

LOCATION: Big Spring Creek Mile 5.3, Right Bank, Tennessee River

Mile 358.4, Left Bank, Guntersville Lake, Marshall County,

Alabama. USGS GUNTERSVILLE.ALA Quadrangle Longitude: 86-19-58.0; Latitude: 34-18-25.1

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of the dredging approximately 12000 cubic yards of material from Guntersville Lake for boat access. The length of the main channel would be approximately 4180' long and would extend 40' wide with 27 lateral channels to individual lots. The lakeward extension of the lateral channels would be 60' and extend 30' in width. 100' buffer would be maintained between the main channel and shoreline. A 30' buffer would be maintained between the lateral channels and the shoreline. The toe of the dredging would be at Elevation 595.4 is the normal summer pool Elevation 587.4. elevation for Guntersville Lake. The material would be removed by suction dredge and pumped to an upland containment area above Elevation 360.0 on the applicant's property.

The dredging would allow adequate water depth to access the proposed lakefront development.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

In October of 2006, a Phase I Archaeological Survey was conducted at the site. The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties ex-

ist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Other federal, state, and/or local approvals may be required for the proposed work.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before March 9, 2007, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Floyd M. Carnes, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7503. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. However, if comments are sent to TVA, they should be mailed to Mr. Donald W. Anderson, Project Leader, Guntersville Lake Reservation, 3696 Alabama 69, Guntersville, Alabama 35976

If you received this notice by mail and wish to view all of the diagrams, visit our web site at: http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/cof/notices.htm, or contact Mr. Carnes at the above address or phone number.





